

## *The Second Annual Best Workplaces for Commuters<sup>SM</sup>* *“Race to Excellence”*

### Ready...Set....Go!

EPA's Best Workplaces for Commuters is excited to announce the second annual Race to Excellence. The Race is a national challenge that encourages and recognizes dedicated professionals who promote commuter benefits, transportation choices, and their Best Workplaces for Commuters designation in their workplaces or local communities.

Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards will be presented at this year's Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT) International Conference taking place this August in Boston (you need not be present to win). In addition, a "Best of" award will be presented to Employer Representatives or Employee Transportation Coordinators (ETCs) from universities, FORTUNE 500 companies, and Districts who have earned the Best Workplaces for Commuters designation.

To win an award, you'll be asked to complete a variety of activities, many of which you may already be doing. Please visit the Race to Excellence website at: < <http://www.bwc.gov/racetoexcellence/index.htm> > for more information . Please visit the Toolkit for Employers for samples and other resources to help you with these activities at:

< <http://www.bwc.gov/empkit/kit.htm> >

### Dates to remember for this year's race are -

- Race concludes June 1, 2006.
- Qualifying activities must be completed between August 1, 2005 and June 1, 2006. Activities completed prior to Aug. 1, 2005 do not qualify.
- Applications and supporting materials must be received by EPA by June 9, 2006.

Last year awards were presented to 26 ETCs. Many of the 2005 winners told us that this award provided them additional recognition from their management, and some were able to leverage their awards to place articles in their local media.

**Join us for the 2006 *Race to Excellence!***

ETC Winners  
who attended  
the 2005 ACT  
Conference,  
Disneyland



Special Guest

Welcome 21 new Best Workplaces for Commuters  
in December, 2005 and January, 2006, covering 25,518 employees

| Industry                                            | Employer                                               | City            | State |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| <b>Colleges &amp; Universities</b>                  | University of California, Irvine                       | Irvine          | CA    |
|                                                     | University of Tennessee at Knoxville                   | Knoxville       | TN    |
|                                                     | Grand Valley State University                          | Grand Rapids    | MI    |
|                                                     | National College of Naturopathic Medicine              | Portland        | OR    |
| <b>Computer Software &amp; Internet</b>             | P2 Energy Solutions                                    | Houston         | TX    |
| <b>Consulting, Employment &amp; Business Serv.</b>  | Ecology & Environment, Inc                             | Lancaster       | NY    |
| <b>Energy Distribution &amp; Utilities</b>          | PFC Energy                                             | Houston         | TX    |
| <b>Engineering, Construction &amp; Architecture</b> | Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc. (CDM)                       | Cambridge       | MA    |
| <b>Government, City &amp; County</b>                | City of Garden Grove                                   | Garden Grove    | CA    |
|                                                     | City of Charlottesville                                | Charlottesville | VA    |
| <b>Government, Regional &amp; Planning</b>          | Knoxville/Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission | Knoxville       | TN    |
| <b>Hospitals &amp; Health Services</b>              | Meriter Health Services                                | Madison         | WI    |
| <b>Legal</b>                                        | Porter & Hedges, LLP                                   | Houston         | TX    |
|                                                     | Buchanan Ingersoll PC                                  | Miami           | FL    |
|                                                     | Andrews Kurth, LLP                                     | Houston         | TX    |
| <b>Manufacturing (except computer)</b>              | Total Petrochemicals USA, Inc.                         | Houston         | TX    |
|                                                     | Cooper Industries                                      | Houston         | TX    |
| <b>Nonprofit Organizations &amp; Associations</b>   | Charlee of Dade County                                 | Miami           | FL    |
|                                                     | Bonneville Environmental Foundation                    | Portland        | OR    |
| <b>Transportation Demand Management</b>             | Central Indiana Commuter Services                      | Indianapolis    | IN    |
| <b>Other Products &amp; Services</b>                | Analytics, Inc.                                        | New Haven       | CT    |

**Total Employers Recognized:** 1,492  
**Total Employees Covered:** 2,920,688

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